

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) An intervertebral spacer, comprising:

a spacer body having a porous surface and a beveled edge extending around a spacer body circumference, the spacer body having

an upper portion including an upper surface with a center that is substantially flat and a central bore formed through at least a portion of the center and extending through the spacer body,

~~the spacer body further having a lower portion including a lower surface,~~ the upper and lower surfaces being displaced from each other a maximum distance along a first axis, and

a central trunk separating the upper and lower portions, wherein ~~at least one upper~~ relative angle designation mark is formed on the upper surface portion, and ~~at least one lower~~ relative angle designation mark is formed on the lower surface portion, the upper and lower relative angle designation marks being separated by the central trunk and formed along the first axis so that the upper and lower relative angle designation marks are visible when the spacer is attached to an insertion tool.

2. (previously presented) The intervertebral spacer of claim 1, wherein the upper and lower surfaces are diametrically tapered.

Claim 3 (canceled)

4. (currently amended) An intervertebral spacer, comprising:

a spacer body having a porous surface, a beveled edge extending around a spacer body circumference, and an annular groove, the spacer body having

an upper surface,

a lower surface, the upper and lower surfaces being displaced from each other a maximum distance along a first axis, and

a central bore formed through the upper and lower surfaces, at least one of the upper and lower surfaces having a center that is substantially flat, the central bore formed through at least a portion of the center, ~~the spacer body further having~~

at least one relative angle designation mark on the upper surface and

at least one relative angle designation mark on the lower surface,

wherein the relative angle designation marks extend from a wall of the annular groove to either the upper or lower surface and are formed along the first axis so that the relative angle designation marks are visible when the spacer is attached to an insertion tool.

Claim 5      (canceled)

6.      (previously presented) The intervertebral spacer of claim 4, wherein the annular groove is tapered.

7.      (previously presented) The intervertebral spacer of claim 4, wherein the upper and lower surfaces of the spacer body are diametrically tapered.

Claim 8 (canceled)

9.      (currently amended) An intervertebral implant, comprising:

a spacer body having a beveled edge extending around a spacer body circumference and an annular groove, the spacer body having  
an upper surface,

a lower surface, the upper and lower surfaces being displaced from each other a maximum distance along a first axis, and

a central bore formed through the upper and lower surfaces, at least one of the upper and lower surfaces having a center that is substantially flat, the central bore formed through at least a portion of the center, ~~the spacer body further having~~

at least one relative angle designation mark on the upper surface ~~and,~~

at least one relative angle designation mark on the lower surface,

~~wherein the spacer body further includes an upper radial flange disposed between the upper surface and the annular groove and~~

a lower radial flange disposed between the lower surface and the annular groove,

wherein the relative angle designation marks are formed along the first axis so that the relative angle designation marks are visible when the spacer is attached to an insertion tool.

10. (previously presented) The intervertebral implant of claim 9, wherein the upper and lower surfaces of the spacer body are diametrically tapered.

Claims 11 and 12 (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The intervertebral implant of claim 9, wherein the annular groove is tapered.

Claims 14-17 (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The intervertebral spacer of claim 4, wherein the relative angle designation marks extend from a wall of the annular groove to either the upper or lower surface.

19. (previously presented) The intervertebral spacer of claim 4, wherein the spacer body further includes an upper radial flange disposed between the upper surface and the axially medial groove and a lower radial flange disposed between the lower surface and the annular groove.

Claim 20 (canceled)

21. (previously presented) The intervertebral spacer of claim 9, wherein the relative angle designation marks extend from a wall of the annular groove to either the upper or lower surface.

Claims 22 and 23 (canceled)

24. (new) The intervertebral spacer of claim 1, wherein the upper and lower relative angle designation marks are grooves.

25. (new) The intervertebral spacer of claim 4, wherein the upper and lower relative angle designation marks are grooves.

26. (new) The intervertebral spacer of claim 9, wherein the upper and lower relative angle designation marks are grooves.